

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 2005

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Douglas Hart and Geoffrey DeBoskey; The Office of the County Counsel: Lauren Black, Dennis Gonzales, Roger Granbo, David Kelsey; Department of Community and Senior Services: Melinda Fonseca; Office of Affirmative Action Compliance: Hayward Harris, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:05 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:30 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Ramia S. v. County of Los Angeles  
Van Nuys Superior Court Case No. LC 069 021

This lawsuit seeks compensation for dog bite injuries sustained by a child while in a foster home under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Claim of Ken Estes

This claim arises from a requirement by the Department of Parks and Recreation that a property developer in Acton provide an equestrian trail as part of its development.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,056 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- c. Ricardo Oliva v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 018 181

This lawsuit arises from a Sheriff's deputy-involved shooting.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. Metropolitan News Company v. Steve Cooley  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 286 990

This matter concerns allegations that the District Attorney's office served an invalid search warrant and made libelous statements.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. Arthur Ellerd v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-1211; and  
Tammy Le v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-4200

These matters seek damages for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act by the Department of Community and Senior Services.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter for a maximum total payment of \$1,475,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- f. Pamela Miller v. Department of Public Works  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 328 844

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to racial and sexual harassment.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- g. Diane Lee v. Department of Public Works, et al.  
DFEH Case Nos. 200405H0721-00-rsc and E200405H0721-01-rsc; and  
EEOC Charge No. 340-2005-00236

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to racial and sexual harassment.

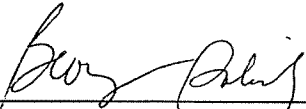
**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$265,000, plus attorneys' fees of \$15,675.23 and potential future counseling costs not to exceed \$20,000; and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw warrants to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

Minutes for the June 20, 2005 Claims Board meeting were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 1, 2005.

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By   
GEORGENE SALISBURY